

SUNDAY DISASTER

An Engagement at Quengua in Which Seven Americans Were Killed.

COL. STETSENBERG AMONG THE DEAD.

The Americans Compelled to Retreat Carrying Their Wounded With Them With Difficulty.

Rebels Subsequently Attacked and Driven From Their Trench to the Second Trench a Mile Away—Nebraska Regiment the Loser.

MANILA, April 24.—Four men of the Nebraska regiment, including Col. Stetzenberg, Lieut. Sisson, and the men of the fourth cavalry were killed and 44 wounded in an engagement at Quengua. The Filipinos retreated with small loss. The engagement developed into a disastrous, though successful fight. The insurgents had a horseshoe trench about a mile long encircling a rifle field on the edge of a wood.

The following were killed:

Col. John M. Stetzenberg, of the 1st Nebraska regiment, formerly of the 6th cavalry.

Lieut. Sisson (previously Lieut. A. C. Nisson), of the same regiment.

Two privates of the Nebraska regiment.

Three privates of the 4th cavalry.

Most of the wounded belong to the 1st Nebraska regiment.

Maj. Bell, with 40 cavalrymen, encountered a strong outpost. One of his men was killed and five were wounded by a volley.

The Americans are said, carrying their wounded under fire and with great difficulty, being closely pursued, a few enabling the enemy to sweep up to them.

Two men who were carrying a comrade were shot in the arms, but they continued with their burden.

Maj. Bell sent for reinforcements to rescue the body of the killed cavalrymen, and a battalion of the Nebraska regiment, under Maj. Mustard, arrived and advanced until checked by voice from the enemy's trenches.

The Americans lay about 800 yards from the trenches, behind rice furrows under fire, for two hours.

Several men were mustered, one dying from the effects of the heat, as they lay there waiting for the battle to come up.

Finally the second battalion arrived and then Col. Stetzenberg, who had spent the night with his father at Manila, came upon the field. The met and immediately recognized him and raised a cheer. Col. Stetzenberg, deciding to charge as a desperate way out of the dilemma, led the men to the head of his regiment. He fell with a bullet in the breast, dying instantly about 300 yards from the breastworks.

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The fighting stood until the Nebraska troops were right on the trenches and then they booted to the second line of intrenchments a mile back.

The Nebraska regiment lost two privates and had many wounded, including two lieutenants.

The Iowa regiment had several wounded.

The Utah regiment had one officer and three men wounded.

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CAIRO, Ill., April 24.—Ed Tierney, whose home is in Louisville, was killed by a freight train here Friday night.

ANOTHER BATTLE.

ANEGRO LYNCHED

The Dakota Regiment Encountered the Rebels in Front of Novaliches.

THE FILIPINOS OPENED FIRE FIRST.

Their Guns Were Silenced Fifteen Minutes Later, and the Enemy Retired in Bad Disorder.

The Rebels Left Many Dead on the Field—Gen. Lawton Will Endeavor to Outflank the Filipinos Before He Joins Gen. MacArthur.

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The Dakota regiment first encountered the enemy in front of Novaliches, at 6 a.m. The rebels opened fire on our troops but their fire was silenced 15 minutes later, the enemy retiring in bad order and the Americans advancing along the rough roads around Novaliches. They were considerably annoyed by the fire of the rebel sharpshooters from the jungle for two hours.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon the rebels were still fighting, leaving many dead on the field. Gen. Lawton compelled to take a brief rest in the shade as the heat was overpowering.

WASHINGTON, April 23.—The war department has nothing new from Gen. Otis, but it has reason to believe that he was surprised at the easy march Gen. Lawton was having in the interior to the northeast of Manila. Gen. Otis only defended it as to be another demonstration of force, but it may develop into a round-up, with the object of striking the rail-road north of Caloocan. It is understood Gen. Lawton took only three days' travel rations with him, but if strong body of insurgents is developed by his advance, supplies can be sent after him from Caloocan.

STATE MILITIA ORDERED OUT.

Fears That an Attempt Will Be Made to Lynch George W. Kerlin, Now in the Atlanta Jail.

ATLANTA, Ga., April 24.—Gov. Atkinson said Sunday evening that he had been advised that a mob of citizens of Fayetteville and Woolsey were coming to Atlanta to take George W. Kerlin from the jail here and lynch him. Kerlin, a colored Miss Pearl Knott now, Woolsey said, days ago and threw the jail. The governor immediately ordered eight companies of the 5th Infantry (state militia) to be in readiness to charge as a desperate way out of this dilemma. Let the mob take the head of his regiment. He fell with a bullet in the breast, dying instantly about 300 yards from the breastworks.

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